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1. WE HAVE SEEN NO EVIDENCE OF POLISH SENSITIVITY TO OUR USE OF THE BICENTENNIAL THEME. ON THE CONTRARY, THE POLES ARE ACTIVELY EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES FOR PARTICIPATION IN US BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS.

2. MINISTER FO FOREIGN TRADE JERZY OLSZEWSKI ADVISED US RECENTLY OF PLANS TO SEND A SMALL GROUP OF POLISH VESSELS TO CALL AT PORTS ALONG THE EAST COAST OF THE US DURING THE COMING SUMMER. ACCORDING TO OLSZEWSKI, THE SHIPS WOULD CARRY MEMORABILIA ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF POLES TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE US. NO DOUBT INCLUDED WOULD BE

SETS OF THE COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS ALREADY ISSUED HERE THIS YEAR IN HONOR OF THE BICENTENNIAL.

3. MINISTER OLSZEWSKI WAS PERSONALLY INSTRUMENTAL IN ARRANGING ADDITIONAL SPACE WHICH WE HAD REQUESTED ADJACENT TO OUR CURRENT PAVILION AT THE JUNE TECHNICAL FAIR IN POZNAN. HE WAS PARTICULARLY RECEPTIVE TO THE EXPLANATION THAT THE LOCATION WE SOUGHT WOULD FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A UNIFIED BICENTENNIAL THEME FOR OUR ENTIRE EXHIBIT.

4. THE POLES BEGAN PARTICIPATING IN OUR BICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE NEARLY A YEAR AGO, WHEN "THE WORLD OF FRANKLIN AND JEFFERSON" EXHIBIT WAS FEATURED WITH GREAT SUCCESS AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM IN WARSAW. IN VIEW OF THE RECEPTIVITY OF POLISH OFFICIALS TO OTHER BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES WHICH WE HAVE PROPOSED, AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THEIR DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES IN THE US, WE WOULD BE SURPRISED IF EFFORTS WERE NOW MADE TO LIMIT OUR USE OF THIS THEME IN POLAND.

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